



## **Liberal MPs encouraging youth to get involved in politics**

Liberal MPs hope to build on the tremendous success which party leader Michael Ignatieff's summer bus tour has had in reaching out to young Canadians.

Youth have fresh ideas and new energy to bring to the political forum Geoff Regan, Member of Parliament for Halifax West, said today.

Regan and Justin Trudeau, Member of Parliament for Papineau, will co-host a roundtable, Engaging Youth, at Mount Saint Vincent University on Friday September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

"We need more young Canadians to get involved in politics to move this country forward," said Regan. "Fewer young people are turning out to vote, and I'm concerned that they are tuning out."

Voter turnout in the 2004 federal election, for example, was 15 points lower among those aged 18 to 29 than it was among those aged 30 and over.

Regan and Trudeau will be speaking with student leaders about how to get young people involved in the political process and how to develop policies that tackle the issues that matter to them.

"Youth voices need to be included in all aspects of politics, from community organizations to political parties," Regan said. "I hope we will be able to use the feedback we gain from these young leaders to bring more young Canadians into the political fold."

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